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Via E-Mail and Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Mr. John R. Baza
Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

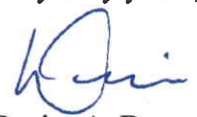
***RE: Request for Informal Conference on Fact of Violation and Assessment
Conference for Proposed Penalty Assessment; State Violation Nos. 10078 and
10079, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005***

Dear Director Baza:

On behalf of Alton Coal Development, LLC, we hereby request an informal conference to review the fact of the violation regarding Notices of Violation Nos. 10078 and 10079 regarding the Coal Hollow Mine. NOV 10078 was issued on March 9, 2011 and terminated on April 22, 2011. NOV 10079 was issued on March 9, 2011 and terminated on May 9, 2011. In the event that the fact of violation is upheld, we also request an assessment conference immediately following the informal conference to review the proposed assessment regarding these violations dated April 12, 2011.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,



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